

**UNPUBLISHED**

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

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**No. 00-6525**

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MAURICE VERSHAWN HOWARD, a/k/a Moe,

Petitioner - Appellant,

versus

RICKY STOWE; COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA; RONALD  
J. ANGELONE, Director, Virginia Department of  
Corrections,

Respondents - Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States District Court for the Eastern Dis-  
trict of Virginia, at Richmond. Robert E. Payne, District Judge.  
(CA-99-662-3)

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Submitted: June 15, 2000

Decided: June 26, 2000

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Before NIEMEYER and MOTZ, Circuit Judges, and HAMILTON, Senior Cir-  
cuit Judge.

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Dismissed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

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Maurice VerShawn Howard, Appellant Pro Se.

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Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit.  
See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Maurice VerShawn Howard appeals the district court's order denying relief on his petition filed under 28 U.S.C.A. § 2254 (West 1994 & Supp. 2000). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find no reversible error. Accordingly, we deny a certificate of appealability and dismiss the appeal on the reasoning of the district court. See Howard v. Stowe, No. CA-99-662-3 (E.D. Va. Mar. 28, 2000). We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

DISMISSED